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CSPNE's École publique Odysée A candidate school for the International Baccalaureate

North Bay, Ontario – Conseil scolaire public du Nord-Est de l'Ontario (CSPNE) is pleased to announce that after a full year of planning and training, École publique Odysée in North Bay has been recognized as a “candidate school for the authorization process to implement the International Baccalaureate (IB) Middle Years Program “ as of September 2015.

Odysée is therefore the first French-language school in CSPNE's jurisdiction to begin the authorization process to become an IB World School.

CSPNE acting Director of Education Simon Fecteau stresses the importance of offering this program to Francophone students in the Nipissing area. « Families in North Bay and surrounding areas have been requesting for some time that this program be offered in French. Both the school board and École publique Odysée are pursuing a common goal – delivering a program of global recognition which promotes international awareness and shares a common philosophy in education. »

Since opening its doors, École publique Odysée has met the needs and interests of families with students from Grades 7 to 12. Odysée quickly established itself among educational institutions in North Bay as well as among French-language schools in Ontario. This school plays a major role in the development of young leaders in this community through artistic, athletic, cultural and educational activities. IB provides an additional tool for students to excel, discover and contribute actively to the vitality of this and other communities.

This new initiative for École publique Odysée reflects both the vision and mission statements of CSPNE. Board Chair Denis Labelle emphasizes how important it is for trustees to always make decisions with the child in mind. “The International Baccalaureate is a program which is in keeping with the CSPNE's focus on excellence. Thanks to this innovative program, students can develop a sense of community pride and a better understanding of the world while thriving in a renowned academic program promoting leadership and achievement.”

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The International Baccalaureate (IB) is a non-profit educational foundation and a recognized leader in the field of international education. Its Middle Years Program helps students from Grades 7 to 10 develop the abilities needed to live, learn and work in a rapidly globalizing world. More than one million students in 146 countries attend one of the 3,665 “World Schools” in the International Baccalaureate community.

Staff and administrative personnel at École publique Odyssee will be provided with the professional development required to implement IB Middle Years programming. They are supported throughout this process with on-line educational resources and forums as well as consultations with colleagues in IB World Schools in Canada and other countries.

Promoting universal values, CSPNE covers an area of 46,453 km² and offers quality, French-language education to the communities of Timmins, Iroquois Falls, Kapuskasing, Hearst, Temiskaming Shores, Sturgeon Falls and North Bay. More than 2,070 students have chosen to attend a French-language public school in Northeastern Ontario.

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